

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

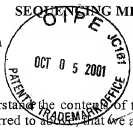
As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that our residence, post office address and citizenships are as stated below next to our names: that we verily believe we are the original and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled:

SECRETE OPENING METHOD USING MAGNIFYING TAGS

which application is:

☐ the attached application
(for original application)

☒ Application No. 09/886,223
filed June 22, 2001, and amended on June 22, 2001
(for declaration not accompanying application)



that we have reviewed and understand the content of the specification of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein, and we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, that we hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119, §172 or §365 of any provisional application or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified on said list any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of any foreign application on which priority is claimed:

Application Number	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
NO 19996339	NORWAY	September 10, 1999	YES
NO 19996338	NORWAY	August 26, 1999	YES
NO 19996337	NORWAY	June 15, 1999	YES
NO 19996336	NORWAY	June 11, 1999	YES
NO 19996335	NORWAY	April 19, 1999	YES
NO 19996334	NORWAY	April 16, 1999	YES
NO 19996333	NORWAY	April 14, 1999	YES
NO 19996332	NORWAY	April 13, 1999	YES
NO 19996331	NORWAY	March 19, 1999	YES
NO 19996330	NORWAY	February 26, 1999	YES
NO 19986133	NORWAY	December 23, 1998	YES

We hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in a listed prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, We acknowledge our duty to disclose any information material to the patentability of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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SEQUENCING METHOD USING MAGNIFYING TAGS

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

described in

☐ the specification filed herewith

☒ application no. 09/886,223

☐ patent no.

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